

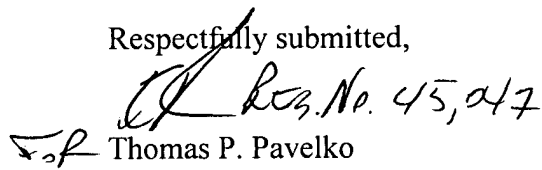
REMARKS

In response to a telephone call initiated by Examiner Kahsay Habte to the undersigned representative of applicant on or about December 16, 2005, requiring a restriction between claims 1-3 (directed to compounds) and 4-6 (directed to process), applicants elect claims 1-3 and hereby cancel non-elected claims 4-6 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve their right to file divisional application(s) to the non-elected subject matter claiming the benefits afforded by 35 U.S.C. §§119, 120 and 121.

Applicants also attach a verified English language translation of their Japanese priority application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-63046). It is respectfully requested that the applicants' claim for priority and receipt of the priority document and the verified English translation thereof be noted by the Office in the next written communication.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request a prompt examination of allowance of claims 1-3. If any further fee is necessary to make this response timely, it can be charged to the undersigned's deposit account number 19-4375.

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Attachment I - Verified English Translation of Priority Document